

## General Assembly

## **Amendment**

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REP. GREEN, 1st Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. **5670** 

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## "AN ACT CONCERNING COURT JURISDICTION OF YOUTHS."

Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Chief Court Administrator shall study the feasibility of establishing a Youthful Offender Unit that would have jurisdiction over cases involving youths in crisis, as defined in section 46b-120 of the general statutes, and youthful offenders, as defined in section 54-76b of the general statutes, as amended. Such unit would refer such youths to the Court Support Services Division for the performance of an assessment of such youths to determine the needs of such youths and their families and the availability of community-based programs and services to meet those needs. Such study shall examine the availability of age-appropriate, community-based programs and services for such youths, including educational, vocational, mental health, behavioral health and substance abuse prevention and treatment programs and services, and identify gaps in the availability of those services. Such study shall

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examine the benefits of assigning probation officers with caseloads of no more than sixty youths to supervise such youths while on probation. The Chief Court Administrator shall report his findings and recommendations to the joint standing or select committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children and the court system in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes not later than January 5, 2005."

This act sha	all take effect as follows:
Section 1	from passage